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AIA NEVADA WORKING TO GENERATE JOBS

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This past week our Governor provided the State of the State, and our President followed with the State of the Union. Both speeches included reference to what made us great and the potential that we have to be incredible once again. Neither speech was optimistic in what we all need the most help with - creating jobs.

After 3 years of recession, Nevada has lost over 180,000 jobs, adding up to over 14.5% documented unemployment. The effect on the A/E profession has been much worse, where our unemployment is closer to 60% and pay reductions of over 25% are the norm for those who have been able to hold on to their job.

Architecture is the "Canary" for the Construction Industry, in other words if Architects are not working now, there will be few if any new construction projects for the next 8 to 12 months. The lack of projects in A/E firms is a precursor that the downturn will continue at least through 2011 and possibly into 2012. With this understanding, the AIA Nevada Chapter was one of the original members of the Nevada Building Jobs Coalition. The Coalition has now grown to over 25 organizations, representing over 10,000 Nevadans in nearly every county and job type. The AIA is not the largest group involved, but we are one of the most vocal and respected. As Brad Van Woert, AIA recently said, we have grabbed on to the tail of a big dog and are holding on!

The Coalition has met with over 12 key State Legislators in Reno and Las Vegas and received what we believe is a sincere reception. The Ideas and Position of the Coalition were formally released on January 20th and the north and south events garnered a great deal of media attention with multiple TV, Radio, and Newspapers present. They witnessed a large crowd of nearly 300 people hoping to get back to work and a small sampling of unused heavy construction equipment sitting idle and not generating any tax dollars. We presented 5-6 points from the report and asked thru the Media that the 2011 Legislator take action to get people back to work and projects moving forward - or the State could be looking at two more bleak years of little or no construction, further exasperating the recession. We noted that creating jobs, strengthen our education system, and keeping our infrastructure current should take precedence over the status quo in our tax base. We need to create 27,000 jobs in the next 18 months to see a positive movement in our economy.

The points we wanted to have heard that could have an immediate impact on jobs include:

1. Create a stable, dedicated revenue source for capital projects: The Nevada Job Bonds Support Fund.
2. Require State and Local Governments to sufficiently invest in the up keep and maintenance of taxpayer assets such as roads, bridges, pipelines, and public buildings through the Annual Appropriations/Authorizations dedicated to a capital replacement plan.
3. Eliminate Tax Rate Sunsets dedicated to Capital Projects, thus increasing flexibility and accelerating essential infrastructure projects.
4. Require Local Governments to provide a Streamlined Permitting Process and abate fees when a project puts underutilized property to a higher and better use; the project creates more than 50 jobs; and project completion is within 12 months.
5. Index the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Imposed on the Sale of Motor Vehicle Fuels Statewide. (currently adopted in Washoe County) Directing Additional Funds to local Transportation Infrastructure Projects.

These are but 5 of 25 recommendations for our legislators to consider if they want to put Nevada back to work. Many ideas do not increase the tax rolls, some longer run ideas would, but they would generate long term sustainable diversified job growth. As a state we have borrowed this last year nearly \$885 million dollars from the Fed for unemployed worker benefits, all of which plus interest that we will need to pay back. We need to put our money and our people back to work, which is the best way to turn this battered economy around.

I encourage all of the AIA Nevada Membership to write your Statesman (Federal as well as Nevada) and note your concern of the economy and join the Building Jobs Coalition in Carson City this year. Please see www.buildingjobscoalition.com for updates and the full plan and how we have to make a difference.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
 SEAN COULTER, AIA

Well, Spring is in the air...o.k., o.k., as I write this letter we are still in the throws of Old Man Winter, but it is 72 degrees outside in January, how can you beat that when half the Country is knee deep in snow? It's this time of year that makes you realize that desert living is pretty darn good, at least for us Southern Nevadans. What would make it even better is if the economy turned around, which it will, if it hasn't started already (pssst, it has!)

To express our concerns about the economy and to make suggestions on what can be done to improve it, AIA National will be hosting Grassroots in a few weeks in Washington D.C. where we will be meeting with our Federal Representatives from Nevada. As I mentioned in my last Presidents message, Grassroots gives us a great opportunity to meet face-to-face with all of our Representatives; something that members in more populous states seem to find a bit more challenging. When meeting with our Federal and State Representatives we will have four national issue briefs to discuss, they are:

1. A Transportation Bill to Get our Communities Moving Again,
2. The Market for Building Retrofits as an Engine of Economic Growth
3. Regulatory Burdens That Hold Small Business Back
4. Unfreeze Credit, Create Jobs

These four issues are obviously important to the entire nation, but more importantly, our state. I have seen direct results from the AIA meeting with our Representatives in the past and my hope is that this time there will also be progress made even; if we do have to hike knee deep in that white stuff up in D.C.

On a state level, AIA Nevada has been very involved with the Building Jobs Coalition, a group of concerned organizations and people involved in the construction industry. The group is creating a white paper called Creating 100,000 Nevada Jobs that will propose how to create new jobs here in Nevada. This will give us a more state-specific focus in February as we meet with our State Representatives to further discuss the four national issues above, and just as important, focusing on creating jobs right here in our state.

So these next few weeks will be quite busy as we meet with both State and Federal politicians. I feel confident that as we get more involved with our government, the more we help ourselves as a profession.

THE REAL VALUE OF YOUR 2011 DUES

This is the time of year when members consider the value in paying their AIA dues. Each person must decide for him or herself the value of their AIA membership. In the current economic climate this is an especially important decision but as you weigh your current income and the future, please consider the importance of being a member of the AIA.

Now more than ever, the unity and the collective voice of the AIA provides more value for the individual member.

Policy makers are making decisions that will impact the immediate and long range future of the profession and it is the AIA that is working on the local, state and federal levels to inform and educate them to the importance of the architectural industry. On the state level, AIA Nevada is the collective voice of the architecture profession and is working with the AIA Nevada Task Force, the Building Jobs Coalition and the Pencil Ready Projectsto make sure that the architect's concerns and interests are heard by key decision-makers at all levels and in the private sector.

By maintaining your membership you are supporting these important efforts to generate jobs and you are helping to craft a better future for yourself, the profession and your community. Renewing your membership in AIA is the most important investment you can make for your future, and we encourage you to renew today.

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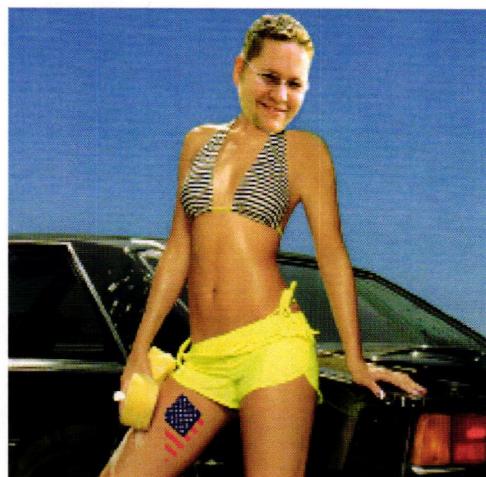
The AIA Nevada Political Action Committee is preparing for an active and important legislative session this year. We are kicking off the month of February with our annual Grassroots trip to Washington DC. During this trip we will discuss issues important to architects with our federally elected officials. We look forward to continuing old relationships and forging new ones with newly elected officials. This event is a launching point for our annual legislative projects.

Later in the month we will have multiple opportunities to testify before committees at the state legislature. We have been aiding Senator Horsford develop his legislative agenda for the upcoming session and will be sharing our ideas and proposals to the legislature. This is a great success for our chapter and our political action committee. We will also combine our time in front of the legislative committees with personal visits to many of the elected officials in Carson City. We welcome and encourage participation at these events from across our membership. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

We have our eyes on many issues for the upcoming session. We are wary of proposals that place undo financial burden on the backs of small businesses such as architects and will work to eliminate proposals such as this that make being an architect more difficult. We are also keeping our eyes on changes to negatively affect our schools and education within the state. This is certain to be a session that changes the face and future of Nevada and we expect to be fully engaged.

Our efforts would not be possible without the dedication of the time and financial resources of our members. We are thankful for the donations that have already made these successes possible. There is, however, much left to be done. We are trying to increase our exposure and presence in the Nevada political spectrum and we need the continued support of each of you. This year I would like to set a lofty goal for our financial donations. I want to raise \$5000 for our AIA Nevada PAC. This is still a minimal percentage of what the AGC PAC raised last year, but it is a fantastic step for us. To, hopefully, stimulate your donations I am willing to offer up some personal shame.

If we reach our goal, I will wash Randy Lavigne's car at the AIA offices in whatever "get-up" the membership chooses. However, to get your "right to vote" on the chosen outfit you must donate at least \$250 as an individual / \$500 as a company throughout the year (each company only gets 1 vote.) I'm afraid final outfit approval must pass the inspection of Mrs. Roberts. If it's something that she's not willing to see, she won't allow you to see! Let's see if we can reach our goal!



AIA NEVADA TASK FORCE ON NEVADA'S FUTURE

AIA Nevada leadership has been working closely with Senator Steven Horsford to illustrate the importance of a diversified economy for Nevada and how this will help to generate jobs in the design and construction industry, as well as other industries across the state.

The AIA Nevada Task Force (consisting of **ED VANCE, AIA**, **J. WINDOM KIMSEY, FAIA**, **ERIC ROBERTS, AIA**, **MIKE DEL GATTO, AIA**, **RICK VAN DIEPEN, ASSOC. AIA**, **CHRIS LUJAN**, **DEBI RAFFI** and **RANDY LAVIGNE, HON. AIA**) has created a presentation in powerpoint format entitled "Envisioning Nevada's Future – Illustrated". It addresses and illustrates key issues of the research document provided by Moody's Analytics for the Nevada Vision Stakeholder Group.

Specifically AIA Nevada's presentation looks at....

1. Multi-Modal Transportation
2. Medical Tourism
3. Research & Development
4. Education

On January 20th, we met with Senator Horsford to review the presentation for the first time. He was very pleased with content and the creative presentation of the information. All members of the Task Force have provided valuable research and Ed Vance did an excellent job in creating it. In reviewing the presentation, the Senator requested that we include a section on "Infrastructure" utilizing some of the ideas included in the Building Jobs Coalition, Creating 100,000 Jobs in Nevada document which support his bill drafts to generate (immediate) jobs. Ed Vance and Eric Roberts are researching this new section and will include it along with the other updates. The revised edition will be ready for presentation by February 1st, 2011.

AIA Nevada will then travel to Carson City, where we have been invited to make the presentation to several legislative committees. The objective is to provide background information for upcoming proposed bills and to inform and enlighten members of the legislature with regard to these areas of discussion.

The first presentation will be to the Interim Finance Committee, on February 3rd, 2011. Other committee meeting presentations will be scheduled during the weeks of February 7 – 18 and will include: Select Committee on Economic Growth and Employment - **SENATOR KIHUEN**; Transportation Committee – **SENATOR BREEDEN**; and Health & Human Services – **SENATOR COPINGEN**.

Additional updates will be provided throughout the Legislative session, and the AIA Nevada Task Force will continue to work with the Building Jobs Coalition to present ideas and techniques designed to generate jobs in the design and construction industry.



NATIONAL ISSUE BRIEFS

When AIA architects storm Capitol Hill this month, we will be working to generate jobs – for the design and construction industry. AIA's legislative agenda includes the following targeted issue briefs.

1. Make Credit Available for Commercial Building Projects

AIA calls on Congress to help restore liquidity to credit markets by passing the Equal Treatment for Covered Bonds Act (H.R. 2896 in the 111th Congress) and the Capital Access for Main Street Act of 2010 (H.R. 5249). The design and construction industry, which accounts for one in nine dollars of U.S. GDP, is experiencing significant hardship and job loss. The AIA Architecture Billings Index, a leading indicator of design and construction activity, continues to forecast limited construction starts for the next six to twelve months. Millions of dollars of construction is ready to go in every community across the country, but cannot because lending is not available. Restoring and sustaining liquidity for development is vital to achieving a strong economic recovery. The cited legislation will provide predictability to this type of asset and create sound financing alternative to mortgage backed securities – aiding in the recovery process in the short term and providing a more stable financial landscape to sustain growth in the long term. This legislation will also help lenders and borrowers as they attempt to work out their loans under terms that are mutually acceptable, avoid large sums of commercial foreclosures and free up credit than can be used more constructively.

2. Jumpstart the Market for Building Retrofits as an Engine of Economic Growth

AIA asks Congress to enact legislation that incentives energy efficiency particularly for commercial and residential building retrofits. In particular, AIA urges Congress to increase the Energy Efficient Commercial Building Tax Deduction (26 U.S. Code 179D) from the current \$1.80 per square foot to \$3.00 per square foot.

Energy efficiency not only reduces our nation's dependence on foreign oil and lowers energy bills for all Americans, it creates jobs. With buildings and their use accounting for nearly 70 percent of electricity use in the U.S., the AIA believes that focusing on building retrofits results in the greatest "bang for the buck". By incentivizing such energy efficiency measures, the federal government can create jobs while also securing our energy independence.

3. Enact Comprehensive Transportation Reform Now

AIA urges Congress to enact a five-year reauthorization of the federal surface transportation laws in 2011. This authorization should establish national and regional transportation priorities that reduce congestion, help communities prosper and ensure long-term funding needs are met.

Our current transportation system is broken. Crumbling infrastructure and rising congestion have hurt our nation's competitiveness, reduced safety and increased greenhouse gas emissions. IN addition, outdated transportation laws have overbuilt our highways, underfunded public transit and encouraged sprawl. This system has resulted in less livable

communities and forced Americans into longer and longer commutes. Congress needs to enact transportation reform legislation in order to get our country moving again.

4. Eliminate Costly Paperwork Burdens on Small Businesses

AIA urges Congress to pass the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act, which eliminates the requirement. In an effort to raise revenue to pay for the 2010 health reform legislation, Congress included the 1099 filing requirement. The provision is intended to increase reporting of business transactions, including those between corporations that may go unreported. The IRS reports that more than \$300 billion worth of revenue is lost every year due to unreported income. Congress intends to increase reporting by requiring a Form 1099 with transactions of \$600 or more.

Currently, businesses only have to send a Form 1099 to freelancers, contractors or any consultants not receiving a regular wage or salary. However, beginning in 2012 this requirement expands to include any corporation, vendor, contractor or service provided that provides goods or services worth \$600 or more. Businesses will have to get the tax identification number or social security number of virtually every corporation and individual it does business with over the course of the year, or face penalties for non-compliance. This creates an avalanche of paperwork, data collection, administrative and processing. In this fragile economy small business resources are already stretched to the limit. These additional fees and paperwork will seriously threaten small business growth.

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AIA NORTHERN NEVADA ADVOCACY GRAFFITI ALERT

AIANN has placed Advocacy as one of its top priorities this year. As a start to its year long program, AIANN is reaching out to the community in an effort to

get the City of Reno to reinstitute funding for the "Anti-Graffiti" program and get citizens to fight tagging on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis. The first of these gatherings was held on January 19th at the City Council Meeting in Reno. The following is an open letter to the citizens of Reno, supported by the AIANN:

To all concerned Reno Citizens,

We have reached a serious tipping point in the City of Reno. Due to multiple factors the City has been inundated with graffiti. It seems that about 90% would be considered "Tagging" and not gang or graffiti art. However, the "tagging" has become epidemic in volume and in many instances large in scale.

Right now the Taggers know they have the upper hand and they are becoming much more brazen in their efforts. I personally consider this form of graffiti Urban Terrorism. It degrades property values, it discourages businesses from moving into an area, it promotes other delinquent behaviors and it destroys any chance of an urban environment to be beautiful.

We have two choices. We either accept graffiti and let it ultimately cover every building, sidewalk, street lamp, tree, bridge and virtually any thing in the urban environment that holds paint, or we take back our community and send a message to the handful of taggers, that this is not acceptable to the majority of the citizens of Reno. Most of us feel helpless in trying to combat graffiti in our own areas much less the whole community.

Here is the plan:

First, we need to realize the problem and make sure the City of Reno Council realizes there is a problem. Second, we need to organize as citizens to actively fight graffiti in our own areas and, finally, request some help from the City of Reno.

Here is how you can help:

We are organizing a group to go to City Hall on Wednesday the 19th of January at 12:00. We are hoping to get upwards of 100 people to attend (there is power and strength in numbers). Everyone can fill out a comment card and we will have 4-5 designated speakers (3 minutes each talk). Our goal is to report the problem to the Council, let the Council know that we have our own plans to combat graffiti, but most importantly that we need some additional support from the City of Reno. This support would come in the form of additional graffiti removal, additional law enforcement to obtain convictions, a secret witness/reward program targeted towards young adults, and finally stiffer fines and/or penalties for tagging offenses.

Please, we need your support and help. Please attend this meeting. Take 20 minutes out of your lunch hour and let's begin to take back our community.

Sincerely, AIA Northern Nevada



DESIGN MATTERS

WAN LEE CONE, ASSOC. AIA

For the past couple of years, some members of AIA Northern Nevada have been fostering an idea to create a design alliance with parallel design professions in our community. We want to be leaders in bringing the community together to celebrate the great design that exists under our noses. This year, we will be proposing a Design Symposium, most likely spanning two to three days.

This symposium is meant to provide topics and discussions that will appeal to architects and other designers in the construction industry, graphic designers and marketing firms, furniture designers, artists, and a myriad of related industries. Another goal is to reach out to the young designers and students in our community, to begin to inculcate them into the culture that exists in Reno and the Truckee Meadows. We are hoping to work with the Black Rock Design Institute to bring in a speaker, set up a slide slam, and maybe even hold a small design competition. This is a little teaser to whet your appetite and hopefully get you excited. If you have ideas and want to help, contact the AIA Northern Nevada for contact information.

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This year the associate director for AIA Northern Nevada will again be hosting monthly mixers under the wider umbrella of the Young Designers Networking Group (yodeng). This is a chance for AIA associates and architecture students to speak with each other and share the goals and questions that are unique to this part of their professional development. We host these under the yodeng banner because of the smaller community of the Truckee Meadows and the reality that an architect works with designers from all fields. These mixers are a great opportunity to ask others how they have been weathering the recession. It is a great opportunity to just talk design with like minded individuals. It is a great opportunity to find out about possible opportunities! We look forward to seeing you this coming year for a drink and some socializing. Check aian.org for updates for time and location of yodeng events.



CANSTRUCTION

Canstruction will again be held this year at Meadowood Mall in Reno, where thousands of people will stroll among a dozen or so creative Canitecture projects. Local architectural firms team up with schools and other civic groups to produce themed "sculptures" built of canned foods and later donated to the Northern Nevada Food Bank. Nearly \$30,000 in food is donated from this event and it has become the Food Bank's second largest event of the year. The dates are March 31 – April 3, 2011. To form a team or find out more about the event, call Fred Graham at The Worth Group, 775.852.3977.



AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROB FILARY, AIA

When I first became an AIA member as a young architect, I admit that I did not have much of a concept of what the organization was about. For me, joining AIA meant that I could have those fancy letters following my name—that I had finally arrived into the professional world. Beyond the professional connotation, I had no concept as to why we needed such an organization. To this day, I am often asked why is it important to be involved in AIA, and so here's a little history lesson as well as my 60 second elevator speech.

Prior to the establishment of the AIA, anyone could claim to be an architect, as there were no schools of architecture or architectural licensing laws in the United States. The American Institute of Architects was founded in 1857 to "promote the artistic, scientific, and practical profession of its members; to facilitate their intercourse and good fellowship; to elevate the standing of the profession; and to combine the efforts of those engaged in the practice of Architecture, for the general advancement of the Art." This same mission holds true today as the AIA offers education, government advocacy, community redevelopment, and public outreach to raise public awareness of the value of architecture and the importance of good design.

Through our monthly meetings, the AIA provides an avenue for education and facilitates fellowship and collaboration amongst our design community. Similarly, the AIA serves its members with professional development opportunities, contract documents that are the model for the design and construction industry, professional and design information services, personal benefits, and client-oriented resources. However, it wasn't until I became intimately involved with the AIA Board that I truly understood the ULTIMATE VALUE of our organization. To me, the most important thing the AIA offers is political ADVOCACY. By speaking with a united voice, AIA architects influence government practices that affect the profession and the quality of our living environments. The AIA monitors legislative and regulatory actions and uses the collective power of its membership to participate in decision making by federal, state, and local policy makers.

Again, when I was first starting out as a naive architect, I felt the AIA was nothing more than a Good Ol' Boys club. I had no concept that our AIA components were working tirelessly behind the scenes to shape our profession through political advocacy. This outreach directly affects you, and therefore I feel it's necessary to remind everyone of the AIA efforts that are currently happening at our local and state levels:

AIA Nevada Task Force: we have assembled a group of architects that are helping the Senator formulate and graphically represent his ideas for creating new jobs in Nevada.

Carson City: every year the local and state chapters go to the Capital to lobby—this year for more design projects!

Washington D.C. Grassroots: our local and state chapters will meet with our elected officials—again, the theme will be job promotion.

AGC Jobs Coalition: our local chapters have joined with the AGC to create an even stronger voice to promote job growth in the design and construction industry.

Pencil Ready Projects campaign: beyond shovel-ready projects, AIA Nevada has been promoting pencil ready projects that will employ the services of architects, engineers, product reps, etc. so that even more jobs are created in our industry.

Nevada Political Action Committee (PAC): the AIA is a non-partisan organization, but we do have a political concern and agenda. In 2010, we established the PAC in order to have a financial "voice" at the political table. We were able to raise \$1,000 last year, which is a good start. However, we really need further contributions to elevate our position in the political arena in order to create jobs for you.

In summation, The AIA is working hard for us to find jobs and to build a better community. Therefore, your support is critical in meeting our goals. We need you to be involved and join our membership to strengthen our voice even further. Together, we can beat this economy and persevere.

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EDDIE JONES, AIA – ROMANCING THE RUIN

Some of the most exciting design work in the region is being produced by The Jones Studio in Phoenix. Our February meeting will provide an opportunity for us to see first-hand the projects designed by Eddie Jones, AIA and the Jones Studio. The lecture is entitled "Romancing the Ruin". It explores decay as a valuable quality and design influence and presents examples of Jones Studio projects and other architect's and artist's work to illustrate the point.

Edward (Eddie) Jones, with his business partner and brother Neal founded Jones Studio, Inc. on June 8, 1979. For the past 30 years the

Jones Studio family has grown to include 20 highly motivated and enthusiastic individuals. They enjoy an unusually broad list of building types ranging from a "2 holer" outhouse trailhead located on a remote desert site to the 57-acre Mariposa Land Port of Entry in Nogales, Arizona – the third busiest land port in the United States. The list includes museums, research facilities, performing arts centers, golf club houses, an NFL training facility, town halls, softball-soccer stadiums, and an entire college campus.

Having been honored with over 183 design awards, the small studio was exceptionally recognized during the summer months of 2006 when they were asked to be an exhibit in the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art. To the best of anyone's knowledge it was a precedent setting first time example of an architectural exhibit involving the relocation of an entire firm to a museum gallery. They were the exhibit... fully functioning, on public display for 4 months! Eddie has the privilege of lecturing frequently around the United States and abroad. His love for discussing architecture is represented by an impressive list of Conference commitments, lectures, and exhibits.

We are fortunate to have this opportunity to meet Eddie Jones, and invite all members to attend the February meeting. The meeting will begin with a reception at 5:30PM, program at 6:30PM. There is no charge for AIA members, \$30 for non-members. You MUST RSVP to attend. RSVP online at www.aialasvegas.org.

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You are invited to attend **COVERINGS 2011**, the Ultimate Tile + Stone Experience. AIA Las Vegas is a key co-sponsor of Coverings, which comes for the first time to Las Vegas, Sands Expo and Convention Center from March 14-17. **The AIA Las Vegas March Membership Meeting on March 16 will be hosted by Coverings, and will be held at the Coverings Show.** We will begin with a reception at 5:30PM (meeting room TBD) – so be sure to arrive before 5:30PM in order to walk the show and visit with the exhibitors prior our reception. (Show hours are 9AM to 5:30PM, so visit the show then attend the March Meeting afterwards.)

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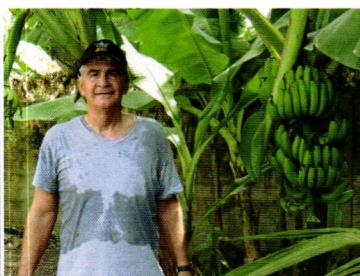
We are pleased to be part of the largest tile and stone event in the Americas. As a member of AIA Las Vegas, we know Coverings is a valuable experience and we hope that you'll attend. Visit www.coverings.com for additional information and to register.

We look forward to seeing you at the Sands Expo and Convention Center, March 14-17, 2010. Visit the Expo during the day anytime from 9AM to 5:30PM. Meeting Reception starts at 5:30PM. No charge for AIA members - \$30 for non-members. You MUST RSVP to attend. RSVP online at aialasvegas.org - select Events / select Calendar /select Date and Event – RSVP.

ARCHITECTS SPEAK**A NEW SERIES OF LECTURES BY AIA LV ARCHITECTS**

Architects are interesting people. That's because they are people who are interested in a wide variety of things. By education and, certainly by their own personal curiosity, they are problem solvers. Many are artists, writers, musicians, and sculptors. Some are researchers, teachers, civic and business leaders... all come to the profession of architecture to "make a difference", to share their knowledge and their experiences and to create, to improve, to advance, to enrich our communities.

AIA Las Vegas is tapping into the rich resource of our members talents and experiences – by presenting a series of programs in which "Architects Speak". Beginning in February, we will offer these programs as "Brown Bag Lunches". Bring your lunch (we'll provide the beverage) and join us at 11:30AM in the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School. Open to the public, no charge for attending. Learn more about architects and the world we live in when "Architects Speak". **All programs are registered for AIA CLU credits.**

**ARCHITECTS SPEAK**

Thursday, February 24
11:30AM Brown Bag lunch
Historic Fifth Street School

WILLIAM SNYDER, FAIA

"To Haiti and Back"

Having been touched by the Haitian earthquake of January 12th 2010, Bill Snyder

was compelled to do something. Through CEFPI he joined an assessment and design team working in conjunction with Schools for the Children of the World (SCW) and the Spanish Red Cross. He traveled as a part of a 10-person team in early August 2010, to evaluate damage and begin the planning efforts for the construction of 11 new schools in Leogane, Haiti. Since then he has made several trips and is continuing the work to replace the schools that were destroyed by the earthquake. Hear more about his experiences and the team's efforts to complete this important project under the most difficult of conditions.

Thursday, April 21 - 11:30AM

ED VANCE, AIA "The Citizen Architect"

Wednesday, May 25 - 11:30AM

DAVID BAIRD, AIA "The Architect Artist"

Thursday, June 23 - 11:30AM

ERIC ROBERTS, AIA "The Political Animal"

Thursday, September 22 - 11:30AM

JESS HOLMES, FAIA "Design in the Desert"

All events held at the Historic Fifth Street School Auditorium

Free to attend

RSVP required at www.aialasvegas.org/Events/Calendar

HERE'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SPONSORSHIP! You could be the name sponsor for the whole Architects Speak series. Contact Randy Lavigne for a great deal!!!

**CALL FOR ENTRIES AIA LAS VEGAS UNBUILT DESIGN AWARDS****A JURIED PROGRAM FOR THEORETICAL, ACADEMIC AND UNBUILT ARCHITECTURE**

The AIA Las Vegas Unbuilt Design Awards Program is specifically designed to recognize imagination, ingenuity, resourcefulness and vision where the projects are not required to conform to the realities of constructed work. In this program jurors consider projects that have been created in the following categories over the last ten years. The Unbuilt Design Awards Program is provided as a part of Architecture Week Celebration.

- **Theoretical Projects** – for work that is done as an exercise in design or simply for the pleasure of creating.
- **Academic Projects** – that are done as a part of a studio or for academic credit in a class program.
- **Unbuilt Projects** – this is work that has been commissioned but has not been built, and may never be built.

Through these categories we explore the architectural ideas and innovations of creative minds in finding solutions to design problems.

Entry Fee: \$100 / Students Entry Fee: \$25 (must be enrolled in an accredited school of architecture program)

Schedule: Intent to enter form with payment due on Friday, March 18th, 2011. Completed submittal boards due Monday, April 1st, 2011. Award recipients will be announced at the Architecture Week Celebration Meeting on Wednesday, April 13th.

Call for entries packets will be emailed out members soon or you can download it off of the AIA Las Vegas website www.aialasvegas.org/events/Architecture Week.

NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS EVENT PAGE

The AIA LV office receives dozens of requests each week from individuals, businesses, organizations, conferences and conventions, --- all wanting us (AIA) to send their information to you by "blast e-mail". While in some cases this might be beneficial for you to know about their events, it is simply impossible for your Chapter to act as the conduit for their services. AIA Las Vegas has, therefore, instituted a policy governing these requests.

Requests for notices of meetings, events, conferences, lectures and CE opportunities, from affiliated organizations and others where there is no charge for attendance, will not be emailed to the membership. But, instead will be posted to the "Community Event Connection" page on the AIA Las Vegas website (under "Events"). There is a fee of \$25 payable in advance to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter for this service. Where there is a charge for attendance there is a fee of \$100 payable in advance to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter for this service.

If you are looking for local CE events or other community events, please refer to the Community Event Connections page on www.aialasvegas.org.



EPYAF

The EPYAF Mentorship Dinner series provides opportunities for young professionals to exchange ideas with their peers in the local design community. The intent of the evening is to generate a relaxed environment for emerging professionals to engage in open discussion, as it relates to career development and other common interests.



The EPYAF committee would like to thank **ED VANCE, AIA** for hosting the January Mentorship event. Attendees got a chance to tour **EV&A** office and enjoy insightful and provocative dialogue about Ed's career, current practice, and the future of the profession. Ed gave those in

attendance a sneak peek of his "Citizen Architect" lecture he will be delivering in April as part of the Architects Speak series hosted by AIA Las Vegas.

Please make plans to join us for the February Mentorship Dinner. WHEN: Friday, February 11th @ 7:00 pm

GUEST SPEAKER: Derek Sola, AIA

His photography work **LIGHTSCAPES** was recently featured at Brett Wesley Gallery. Let's talk to a local Architect about his passion for photography, and how his exploration of the City became the subject of his recent exhibit.

LOCATION: It will be hosted by Miriam Salas, Studio Director of Campo Architects at her house.

RSVP: Registration is free to members (or \$10 for non-members) limited to the first 10 attendees to RSVP on the AIA Las Vegas website www.aialasvegas.org (if a member RSVPs but fails to attend, they will be charged \$10 for the event.)

ORGANIZER: Miriam Salas – msalas@jtcampo.com -504.236.3281

RSVP POLICY

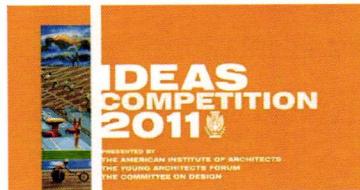
Every meeting provided by the AIA requires planning. (Where will the meeting be held? Large or small space? How many chairs will we need? Will we have handouts? What about food? Refreshments?) In order to plan effectively, and to use our resources wisely, we need to know how many people are going to attend. That is why we ask you to go online and RSVP for every AIA meeting or event. If we know you are planning to attend, we can organize a more effective and efficient event.

IF you RSVP and then find that you can't attend, please cancel your RSVP, at least 48 hours before the event.

IF you RSVP and then you just simply don't show up, the Chapter policy requires that we invoice you at a rate of \$30.

IF you don't RSVP and you show up at the door, the Chapter policy requires that we invoice you at a rate of \$30.

Please help yourself and your Chapter RSVP early and for every event you plan to attend.



2011 YAF/COD IDEAS COMPETITION

This Year's Big Idea: Universal Design

In this unique sketch competition, submitters are asked to explore the principles

of Universal Design as well as their overlap with values of social and environmental sustainability. Winners will be announced and will have their work exhibited at the AIA 2011 National Convention and Design Exposition in New Orleans, Louisiana, May 12-14, 2011.

First Prize

- \$2,500
- Complimentary registration to the November 13-19, 2011 AIA COD and NWPR Annual Conference, Tokyo, Japan
- Coach airfare from any U.S. city to Tokyo, Japan (up to \$1,200)
- Hotel accommodations for three nights at the November 13-19, 2011 COD & AIA Japan NWPR Design Conference at conference hotel, not to exceed \$800 value

Registration

For more information, please visit the 2011 YAF/COD Ideas Competition web page: <http://www.aia.org/professionals/groups/yaf/AIAB086877>

AIA Las Vegas COD and YAF are here to support. If anybody would like to team up for the competition, please send your name to Deepika Padam (dpadam@tatesnyderkimsey.com) to coordinate team members.



JOINT TOWN HALL MEETING

The Clark County Building & Fire Departments will host a joint town hall meeting on Feb. 16 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Hollywood Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 1650 S. Hollywood Boulevard (between Charleston & Sahara)

Topics that will be covered at the town hall include:

- New Fire Chief
- 2009 IFC Adoption
- Proposed Fire Department Fee Changes
- New/Updated Fire Department Guidelines
- Cooperation Between Building & Fire
- Question & Answer Session

Fire and Building department management staff, including **CLARK COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIAL RON LYNN** and **FIRE CHIEF BERTRAL WASHINGTON**, will be on hand to talk with those in attendance.

Please go to the following link to view the flier via the Internet: http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/development_services/Announcements/Documents/TownHall2.16.2011.pdf.

CELEBRATE ARCHITECTURE WEEK – APRIL 11-15, 2011

Architecture Week celebrates our built environment and the architects and design professionals who create our communities. Officially proclaimed by Mayor Oscar Goodman the week includes a variety of events inviting media coverage, public attendance and special programming on Nevada Public Radio. 88.9 KNPR. This year events will all take place on April 13th and will include....

- AIA Thanks to Mayor Oscar Goodman
- Unbuilt Design Awards Exhibit and Recipients Announced
- High School Design Awards Recipients Announced

Sponsorships available - \$750 each

Benefits

- Recognition On Signage, On Table Tents And In Announcements
- Listing In Any Event Programs
- Inclusion In Public Relations And Media Releases Covering The Week

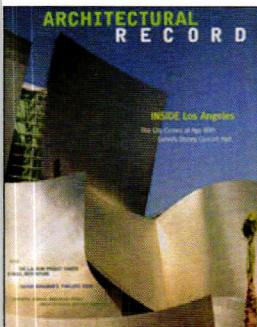
CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **SARAH MOJZER, AIA**, **BOJIDAR BULANOV, AIA** and **TINA WICHMANN, AIA** for passing their final ARE Exams! We are so proud of you all!



ROBIN E. SNYDER

SPECTRA CONSULTING is pleased to announce that **ROBIN E. SNYDER** has earned her Juris Doctorate from Concord University Law School. This law degree will enhance her ability to prepare architectural specifications in our increasingly complex construction environment. Don't worry though - she is not switching careers - she intends to continue working with her first love... specifications!



SPECIAL DEAL FOR AIA MEMBERS

SUBSCRIBE TO ARCHITECTURAL RECORD

Attention, members of AIA Nevada. Your subscription to Architectural Record has expired! As of January 1, 2011, you no longer receive Architectural Record as a benefit of membership in the AIA. Architectural Record is offering a special discounted rate for AIA Nevada members to renew their subscription. You'll save nearly 60% off the newsstand rate, and if you act today you'll also get the digital edition of Architectural Record included at no extra charge. The digital edition allows you to access the Architectural Record app on your iPhone or iPad, completely free! To take advantage of this special deal go to www.aianevada.org/publications

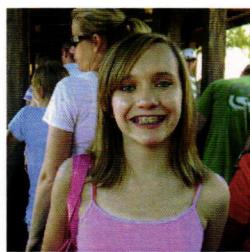


AIA LV CHALLENGES YOU TO BE "BALD BY DESIGN"

Go ahead and throw vanity out the window and get yourself a free haircut for a worthwhile cause.

AIA Las Vegas is challenging the local design community to come out and support this year's St. Baldrick's event at McMullin's Irish Pub on March 5th. We dare you to experience the thrill of going bald to support childhood cancer research, or at least support one of the brave shavees who are giving up their locks for a good cause. Everyone in the local design community is encouraged to participate and that includes not just architects but interior designers, engineers, developers, contractors, and suppliers. **Shave your head and show your solidarity with kid's who are fighting cancer and help to find a cure.** Wouldn't it be great if we could rise to the challenge and compete against the Cirque du So Bald team for the top fundraising crown for this year's event.

St. Baldrick's has quickly grown into the world's largest volunteer-driven fundraising program for childhood cancer research. The Foundation now funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government. Since 2000, events have taken place in 24 countries and 50 US states, raising over \$74 million. More than 130,000 volunteers-- including over 10,000 women-- have shaved their heads in solidarity of children with cancer.



Many of you may know that local AIA Fellow Windom Kimsey's oldest daughter Claire is a childhood cancer survivor, and her successful treatment was made possible by the research that is funded through organizations like St. Baldrick's. Last year Tate Snyder Kimsey was responsible for raising well over \$18,000 for the event. Their returning shave team led by Windom is joining with AIA Las Vegas on the newly formed Bald By Design team. All of you are invited and encouraged to join our effort to be the number one fundraiser for St. Baldrick's in Nevada this year.

Don't miss out on the fun! Please contact Debi Raffi at draffi@aianevada.org for more information or check out the team website at <http://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/teamid/68738>.



NEVADA PUBLIC RADIO

Have you joined Nevada Public Radio yet? If you are not already a member, please consider joining and supporting NPR. As you know, the Las Vegas Chapter

of the AIA is a proud supporter of NPR. Please join and thank you for supporting Nevada Public Radio and the design and architecture community.

KLAI JUBA LECTURE SERIES
UNLV SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Winston Von Engel, AICP

Sustainability and the City (Grey is Green)

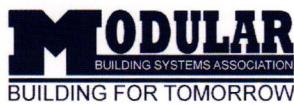
This lecture examines how people living in dense cities like New York City intrinsically behave in a "green" way and how such cities are therefore a key part of the solution to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

7pm (reception at 6pm)

Historic Fifth Street School Auditorium

You will need to self-report to receive your Continuing Education LUs for this lecture.



**Sustainable Design Using
Modular Construction
March 14-15
at Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas**

Learn about the advantages and sustainability of permanently sited modular construction for your next project and network with top leaders from the commercial modular construction industry.

Cost: \$295 for 6 LU's with HSW & SD credit

Register at <http://tinyurl.com/aiambsa>



**2011 CONTINUING EDUCATION
LUNCHEON SCHEDULE**

Thursday, March 3, 2011

"Using Woven Wire Mesh in Architectural Design" presented by Wendy DeCapite of W.S. Tyler. Registered for 1 HSW/SD/LU Hours.

To be held in the Auditorium of the 5th St. School.

Please note: There is no charge to attend our CE classes. But if you RSVP and then fail to show up, there is a no show fee of \$20.

**ATTENTION ALLIED MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
SCHEDULING A CE PROGRAM IN 2011**

AIA Las Vegas continually seeks programs and educational opportunities to present to our membership so that they can achieve their required CE credits. As an AIA/CES "registered provider", AIA Las Vegas can partner with companies that are developing new technology, systems, products and services that impact the industry and whose research and development are of educational benefit to our members. Through this partnership, the firm realizes an opportunity to present this educational information to our members and our members have an opportunity to learn and to earn their required CE credits.

If you would like more information on scheduling a CE Presentation through AIA Las Vegas, please contact Kelly Lavigne at 702.895.0936 or klavigne@aianevada.org.



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2011 AIA LAS VEGAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now available for the 2011 AIA Las Vegas Scholarships, both online at www.aialasvegas.org and from Andrea Johnson at the UNLV School of Architecture Office.

Each year AIA Las Vegas provides over \$15,000 in scholarships for UNLV architecture students. These include the following:

1st through 6th Year

Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects Travel Award - \$1,500

3rd Year into 4th

Felicia Friedlander Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

4th Year into 5th

AIA Las Vegas Scholarship - \$1,500

William Snyder Honorary Scholarship - \$1,000

SHarchitecture Honorary Scholarship - \$2,000

YWS Architects 4th Year Award of Excellence - \$2,500

5th Year into 6th

John Klai Honorary Scholarship - \$2,500

YWS Architects 5th Year Award of Excellence - \$3,500

Deadline for applications is April 25, 2011. Recipients will be contacted prior to graduation and will be honored at the All-School Meeting in September, 2011.



THE JASON PETTIGREW, ASSOCIATE AIA MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR EMERGING PROFESSIONALS OF THE AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION COUNCIL

Jason Pettigrew, Associate AIA, was an exceptional young professional. He was a tireless proponent of the AIA as a source for professional development and opportunity for his fellow Associates and emerging professionals. He accomplished a great deal while serving the Western Mountain Region as our first Regional Associate Director. On July 25th, 2004, Jason lost his life in a climbing accident in the mountains of Colorado that he loved so much. In an effort to commemorate Jason's life and his exceptional contributions to the Institute and the profession, the Western Mountain Region created the Jason Pettigrew, Associate AIA, Memorial Leadership Award.

The annual award is dedicated to honoring emerging leaders and our Associate Members of the six-state Western Mountain Region. The Award covers all expenses for a selected Associate Member to attend both the annual Grassroots Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. and the annual WMR Regional Conference.

Please contact Stuart Coppedge - stuart@rtaarchitects.com regarding 2011 applications and submittal dates.

2011 AIA NORTHERN NEVADA SCHOLARSHIPS

AIA Northern Nevada is pleased to announce a call for applications for the **2011 Raymond Hellmann Memorial Scholarship**. The scholarship is named for noted northern Nevada architect Raymond Hellmann, AIA, and consists of a monetary award to a student (or students) meeting the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, Washoe, or White Pine counties or Carson City, Nevada,
- Must be a high school senior accepted to an NAAB accredited school of Architecture or Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC), or currently enrolled in the TMCC Architectural Design program.
- Demonstrate proficiency and/or need on the application form.

Funds for this endowment have come from friends and family of Raymond Hellmann, AIA and the AIA Northern Nevada members, allied professionals, individuals interested in the architecture profession for the purpose of recognizing scholastic achievement, demonstrated talent and potential for success in the profession. Financial need and special needs students are also taken into consideration.

The 2011 Hellmann scholarship(s) will be determined by the AIA Northern Nevada scholarship committee and announced in April 2011. The award may be a single scholarship or multiple scholarships.

AIA Northern Nevada is also pleased to announce a call for applications for the **2011 Graham Erskine Memorial Scholarship**. The scholarship is named for noted northern Nevada architect Graham Erskine, AIA and consists of a monetary award to a student (or students) meeting the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, Washoe, or White Pine counties or Carson City, Nevada,
- Must be entering or enrolled in the second year or later of a professional degree program at an NAAB accredited school of Architecture or a second year student at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) transferring to a professional degree program.
- Demonstrate proficiency and/or need on the application form.

Funds for this endowment have come from the family and friends of Graham Erskine, AIA and the AIA Northern Nevada members, allied professionals, individuals interested in the architecture profession and the many friends of Graham Erskine for the purpose of recognizing scholastic achievement, demonstrated talent and potential for success in the profession. Financial need and special needs students are also taken into consideration.

The 2011 Erskine scholarship(s) will be determined by the AIANN scholarship committee and announced in April 2011. The award may be a single scholarship or multiple scholarships.

To download a Scholarship Packet, visit www.aiann.org/associates_and_students.html

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Q1 CEU Lunch
GBL Geothermal KONE Elevators
11:30am – 1:30pm
at Tamarack Junction

MAR

March 30 - April 3
8th Annual Construction
Meadowood Mall

AIA LAS VEGAS EVENTS

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Klai Juba Lecture
Winston Von Engel, AICP

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Conference, Washington, DC
(Office Closed)

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